

place for faculty, Dr. Geiser never lost sight of the importance of scholarly work and was one of those who kept alive the spirit of scholarly activity and research on campus during this difficult period. Working into the wee hours of the morning, he pursued the exploits of his beloved naturalists, recording his findings on the backs of used cards which he begged from the librarians and the registrar. Funds for research activities were difficult to obtain in those days, and it is safe to say that not an insignificant amount of his salary was spent on his investigations.

Professor Geiser found the time to edit for more than 15 years (and to provide considerable copy for) a University publication in the sciences *Field and Laboratory*. He, himself, authored over 200 publications, among them, in 1937, his best known work, *Naturalists of the Frontier*, the first book published by the S.M.U. Press.

Sam Geiser was one of those people whose great dedication to S.M.U. during her formative and difficult years helped to guide the institution toward maturity.

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